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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:
Iain Cameron MacAuley**

Serial No.: 10/670,133

Confirmation No.: 2573

Filed: Sept. 24, 2003

For: **Expandable Connection**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 26, 2004

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 26, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/CRUI/0021/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3. **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes. **Remarks** begin on page 8.